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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ON ROME AIRPORT TERRORIST ATTACK

1. MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF DECEMBER 18 CAIRO PRESS PLAY ON ROME TERRORIST ATTACK IS APPEARANCE OF TWO EDITORIALS CRITICIZING IT. ONE IS PUBLISHED BY AHAM, WHICH ASKS IF ATTACK WAS DESIGNED TO COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO HOLD GENEVA CONFERENCE. IT STATES THAT, WHILE AN OPERATION WHICH RESULTS IN ADVANTAGES IS SUCCESSFUL, IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND ANY ADVANTAGE IN PRESENT ATTACK WHICH IMPOSES THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PLIGHT ON EUROPE AND NOT ON ISRAEL.

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2. AKHBAR'S ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY MUSA SABRI, COMES DOWN

HARD AGAINST ATTACK. SABRI STATES ATTACK REQUIRES NO COURAGE AND CAN BE UNDERTAKEN "BY ANY BLOODY RECKLESS INDIVIDUAL HIRED TO WOUND ARAB HONOR AND DEGRADE THE REPUTATION AND DIGNITY" OF THE ARABS. HE CALLS IT A STUPID ACT, ONE PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO WRECK PEACE EFFORTS.

3. WE HAVE HEARD BBC REPORTS OF A GOE PUBLIC DENUNCIATION OF THE ATTACK, BUT NOTHING OF THIS SORT HAS YET APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS. IN TALK WITH AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT, FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE ASSISTANT DEPLORED "SENSELESS ACT."

4. COMMENT: RESPONSIBLE EGYPTIANS ARE CLEARLY WORRIED THAT THIS LATEST TERRORIST OUTRAGE WILL GENERATE MORE ANTI-ARAB FEELING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AT THE VERY TIME THEY ARE ATTEMPTING, WITH SOME SIGNS OF SUCCESS, TO URGE EUROPEANS AND JAPANESE TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN THEIR SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSE.
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